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CHARLES CORCORAN
Appointed Middle School Principal

Corcoran Appointed AMS Chief

By Joanne Brown

The School Committee Tuesday night appointed Charles Corcoran, a thirty-year veteran of the Agawam School System, to assume the post of prin-

cipal at Agawam Middle School effective January 4, 1982. Currently assistant principal, Corcoran will replace Charles Kistner, who retires on December 31st.

A 5-2 vote of the board followed interviews of the top three candidates. Board members Thomas Ennis and Walter Balboni cast dissenting votes.

Also interviewed were Wade Chandler, an industrial arts teacher at the Middle School, and Ralph Zavarella, a home-school adjustment counselor in town. High School Assistant Principal David Bates had withdrawn his name from consideration.

Bruno's recommendation of Corcoran came after a lengthy interview conducted in executive session at Corcoran's request. Corcoran was also the unanimous choice of a three-member panel who screened applicants prior to Bruno.

"I recommend Charlie Corcoran without reservation," Bruno said. "Educationally, administratively, humanistically, and morally, he deserves the opportunity to implement the ideas on programs and policies of the School Committee."

Bruno's emphatic support of Corcoran was echoed by a majority of the board, particularly by Richard Borgatti, who commended Corcoran's recognition of "problems" at the Middle School and his preparedness to offer possible solutions.

Mrs. Jessie Fuller cited his loyalty to his current superior and his evident pride in his school. "In his own low-key style, Charlie Corcoran will bring about the needed changes," she stated.

Mrs. Rosemary Sandlin said she was impressed by Corcoran's "high standards and his command of discipline."

Of those opposing Corcoran's appointment, only Ennis would comment. He felt a more "youthful" administrator would be a better choice.

Corcoran is a graduate of Westfield State College and earned his master's degree from Springfield College. He served as a fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps in World War II and was decorated for aerial combat missions over Japan. He has been assistant principal in the Middle School building since 1967.

Corcoran expressed his delight in being able to remain in Agawam in such a position and greatly anticipates taking over the reins of the Middle School.

Court House Holds Open House



TOWN MANAGER EDWARD A. CABAS (Center) cuts the ribbon to officially open the COURT HOUSE RACQUETBALL AND HEALTH FITNESS FACILITY located in Feeding Hills Center. On tap for the ceremonies were, back row from left: Alice Pacella (wife of one of the three principal partners), TV 22 sportscaster Rollie Jacobs, Planning Board member Harold Ellis, Building Inspector Joseph Conte. Middle row: Town Councilor Donald Rheault, Marilyn DePalma (wife of one of the three principal owners), Town Councilor Richard Theroux, and Town Councilor Stephen Cincotta. Front row: Joseph Pacella, a principal owner; William Lemieux, Caba, Ralph DePalma, a principal owner, Kristin Wright (granddaughter of Caba) and James Martone, representing the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

November 19, 1981

News Analysis

Cincotta And Rheault Vie For TC Presidency

By Stuart Parker

Last year the Stephen Cincotta-Donald Rheault ticket challenged Town Council President Paul Fieldstad and Vice-President William Herd for the council leadership.

Vying For Presidency

But now, with Fieldstad voluntarily leaving the council chambers and Herd being ousted from office, and as the 1982-84 council session nears, Rheault, from Precinct 3, and Cincotta, an at-large representative, find themselves vying for the council presidency.

While there have been some attempts to turn the Rheault-Cincotta race for the council presidency into a dispute, that simply is not the case.

Each man respects and, in fact, likes each other. Both men have been on opposing sides of the coin on many issues over the past four years. Yet the two have maintained a good relationship both on the council floor and in public.

While each is now soliciting support for the chairmanship of the council, which is scheduled to be decided the first meeting in January, only councilor-elect Michael DeLucci from Precinct One has committed his vote.

DeLucci says his vote is for Rheault. DeLucci says Rheault would succeed in ending council "bickering" and would pursue a middle of the road policy as council president.

Both Cincotta and Rheault expressed strong intentions to keep order within council meetings and to ensure they are run "by the book."

Cincotta says greater order at the meetings would contribute to the defeat of council factionalism and vowed to treat all councilmen equally to further frustrate factionalism.

Each man acknowledged the need for strong leadership from the council president. Both councilors were strong supporters of Edward A. Caba for town manager, both before the hiring of Richard J. Bowen in September of 1980 and this past October when Bowen's resignation became official.

Cooperation With Caba

Each says that cooperation between Caba's office and the council is essential for the community to move forward instead of being mired in a pool of often-bitter political controversy which has plagued Agawam for many years.

Rheault anticipates a good fight for the council chairmanship, saying, "Whatever happens I know both Steve and I will work together to get the town moving under this form of government."

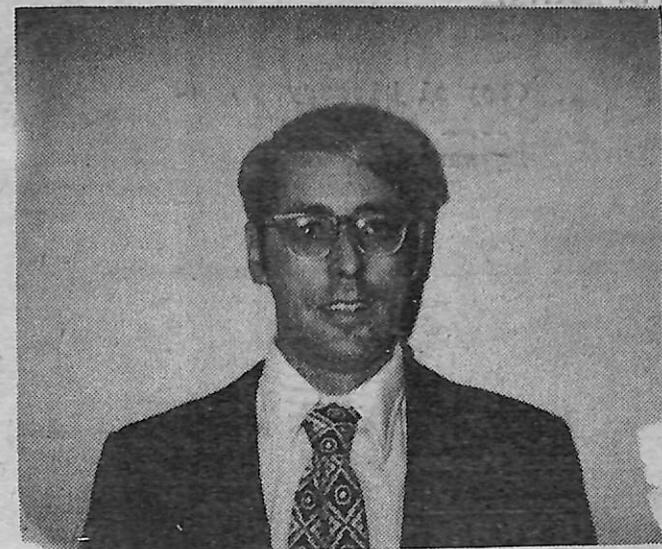
Rheault anticipates financial turbulence during the next council session as a result of Proposition 2½ and said, "We have to be strong next year. We have to make many tough decisions."

Rheault has long been considered a council hardliner who has been outspoken on many issues. Cincotta, while not as vocal, has taken several strong stands, including support of funding for the Parks Department, which also was supported by Rheault.

Rheault has been widely acknowledged as a mayoral charter supporter with Cincotta supporting the manager government. Rheault says that the second defeat of the mayor charter "brings the town to a new light now that the issue has finally been settled."

According to Cincotta, his chances for the presidency of Town Council are "good." He says, "I feel I can give the council leadership and fair-play and that's why I decided to be a candidate for the job."

When the new council convenes January 4, Councilor Andrew C. Gallano, the oldest member of the 15-member body, will preside over the meeting until the election of a new president and vice-president is held.



Councilman-elect Jack Shaughnessy from Precinct 3 says that the town's budget process, Route 57 street acceptance, and continued support for the Park and Rec programs will rate high on his list of priorities when he take office in January. Shaughnessy won his seat in the November 3 municipal elections.

Budget Process Key Concern Of Shaughnessy

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next few weeks, the Advertiser/News will be conducting interviews with each of the 7 new members of Town Council. This week councilman-elect JACK SHAUGHNESSY from Precinct 3 offers some interesting comments.

By Stuart Parker

Precinct 3 councilman-elect Jack Shaughnessy's persistence led to victory in his third bid for a seat on Town Council. Shaughnessy knocked incumbent John Bartnik from the council chambers in the precinct primary in October then defeated

challengers David Skolnick and Richard Conlon in the general election as did incumbent Donald Rheault.

Of a basic concern to Precinct 3 and the town, Shaughnessy says, "No streets have been accepted here in the last ten years." Shaughnessy feels in the upcoming years of fiscal restraint streets that have not been accepted may lose town services, such as lights. He has already begun work toward street acceptance in his precinct.

Shaughnessy says the main issues before Town Council are not precinct concerns, "but concerns for the town as a whole, and he cited the town budget as a key issue in his mind.

"The town budget will have to be looked at closely," he said. "Last year the council reduced the school budget while increasing the remainder of the budget." Shaughnessy maintains that he will work to avoid such budget policy in the future.

Shaughnessy also said he would not favor developments costing the town large sums of money, unless resulting tax revenue would offset the town's cost within a short or carefully planned period of time.

One project he did favor for the town was a waste recycling plant. "We throw away tons of trash that could be sold. I believe investment in a recycling plant would be profitable to the town," he said.

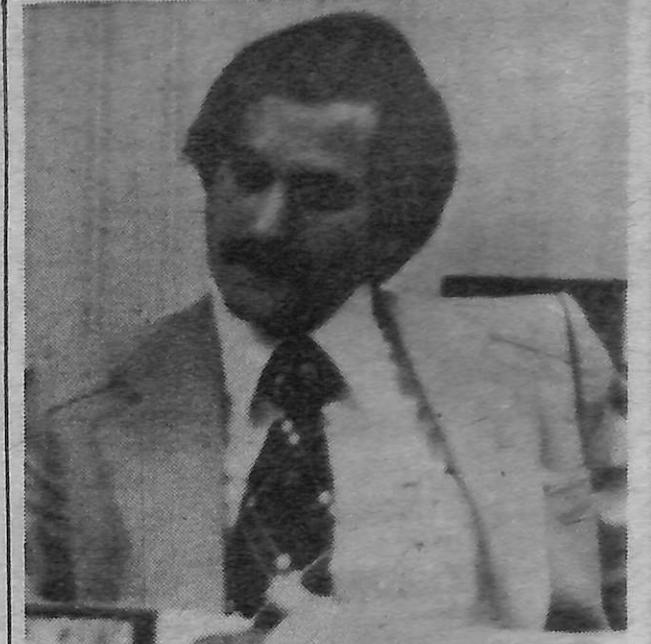
Shaughnessy says he has been constantly contacted by citizens regarding their estimated tax bills. "The estimated tax bills are fair because the town does not need the funds to function," he stated. "But people are upset because the bills are late as they are every election year.

"I view this as no coincidence, when one year ago the town assessor said the new valuations were 95 percent complete. However, when the new valuations are complete, I will work to ensure that all property has been visited and all adjustments are fair."

Shaughnessy, a mayoral supporter, says the issue is now moot and he will strive to make the manager charter work "far better than it has."

During his campaign, Shaughnessy stressed the importance of Park and Rec here and said as long as he is a member of Town Council he will work vigorously to insure that the programs as not further injured.

In keeping with an earlier campaign promise, Shaughnessy says he will be available to the public by phone and prior to Town Council meetings. "I will arrive one hour before each meeting to discuss issues with townspeople," he said.



Councilors Stephen R. Cincotta (above) and Donald Rheault are vying for the council presidency. SEE STUART PARKER'S NEWS ANALYSIS on Page 1. Advertiser/News photos by Jack Devine.



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Nov. 20th & 21st
St. Anthony's Bazaar
Maple Street (Church)
Fri.: 6-9 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23
Women's Club Meet
Capt. Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21
Jingle Valley Fair
Baptist Church
Main Street
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21
Christmas Bazaar
St. David's Church
Springfield Street
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Sewer Issue Remains On Table

By Stuart Parker

The betterment assessments for the Phase II Sewer Project remain uncertain after Town Council meeting Monday night.

The order to rescind the \$2,000 assessment, first tabled October 19, remains tabled. Precinct 2 councilor Walter T. Kerr asked action on the order to be postponed until the December 7 meeting "as a courtesy" to Precinct 1 councilor Frederick Nardi who was absent from the meeting.

Nardi, a strong force attempting to settle the issue, said he would have moved to table the motion regardless. He said that until the 1982-83 revenue for the town was ascertained, no action was wise. He reiterated that a \$700 assessment to homeowners was fair.

While the \$700 assessment goal in place of the original figure of \$2,000 assessment has considerable council support and was unanimously accepted by the citizen/council committee seeking to resolve the issue, there exists dissension among the homeowners whether any betterment assessment is justified.

Most vocal against the assessments at Monday's meeting was homeowner Anita McNamee who said rather than pay the assessment, she would allow the town to put a lien on her property. She would then take action in court.

Homeowner Charles Sulborski, a resident here for 65 years, felt the taxes he has paid to fund other sewer projects rendered the assessment unjust.

Rescinding the entire order, however, does not appear to have nearly enough support from the council.

Police Dept. Gets Own Radio Band

The Agawam Police Department will soon have its own radio frequency, separate from over a hundred others used throughout town, including fire department vehicles, D.P.W. trucks, health services and senior center vans, and various cars used by town officials.

The new system which has been awarded by the Federal Communication Commission will be used exclusively by the police, except for ambulance transmissions.

After an extensive study conducted by Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Sgt. Henry Earle, and Patrolman James Frantz, a new radio system will also be installed. This Radio Study Committee determined that efficient and technologically sound radios are a must for the safety of department personnel.

Approximately \$40,000 worth of radio equipment to be installed next week will include a base station, a remote unit, a new antenna, twelve mobile units for cruisers and twenty-four hand-held units to be carried by policemen.

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Members of the High School Renovation and Expansion Committee and various town officials received citations from Town Manager Edward A. Caba Monday night. Back Row: School Business Manager James Coon, Architect Alfred Cascella, Committee member Frank R. Locke, Committee member George Bickford, Council President and Committee member Paul Fieldstad and Caba. Front row: Superintendent of Public Properties Julian Miodowski, Committee alternate Thomas Ennis, Committee member Richard Borgatti, and Committee member Roberta Doering. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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Kunasek can be contacted at the Prudential office at 1252 Elm Street, West Springfield, at 736-2728.

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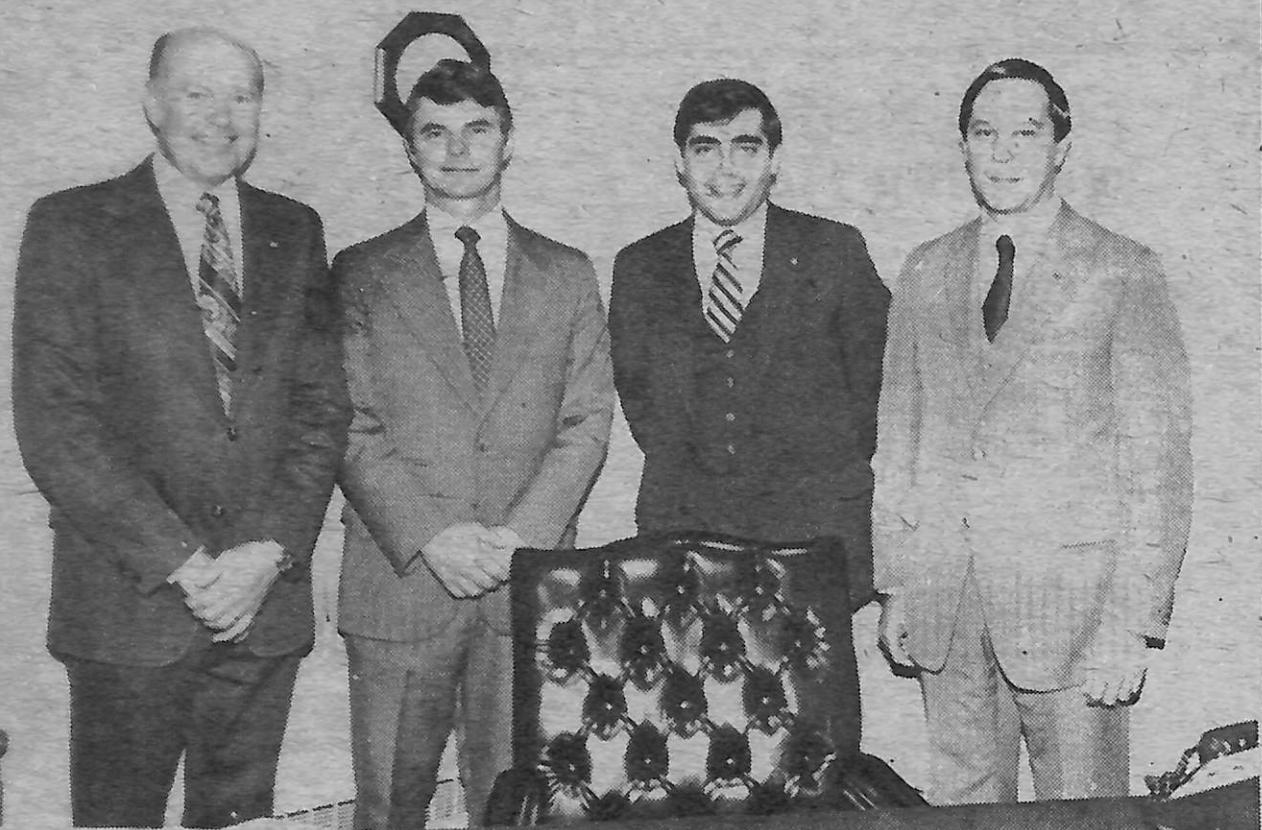


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WESTBANK Holds Opening Ceremonies



GRAND OPENING OF WESTBANK TOWERS in West Springfield was held last week. Here, left to right, bank officers William A. Franks, Jr., Donald R. Chase, William J. Wagner, and Theodore P. Kosior take a moment out of their duties. Photo by Jack Devine.

The Reading Room

By Rita White

Statistics have shown us that more and more families are now two-salaried. Today's economy has sent both parents into the work field. In many instances, families today are only one-parent families, and this, of course, means millions of children must be cared for by someone other than a parent. The obvious problem is who will be that person.

E.P. Dutton has just released a book entitled *Choosing Child Care* by Stevanne Auerbach, Ph.D. Dr. Auerbach is the director for the Institute for Childhood Resources.

We are faced with many problems when it comes to choosing child care, and we obviously want the best, but how do we know what is best? In *Choosing Child Care*, Dr. Auerbach points out the various possibilities that are available to us, discussing at

length choices of sitters, centers, home care, co-ops, etc. He gives us the things we need to take into consideration when deciding which situation will best serve our needs. He points out advantages and disadvantages of the various situations.

We, ourselves, are not always aware of some of the important things to look for when investigating our choices. Dr. Auerbach gives us checklists, not only for health and safety conditions, but also for environmental and educational considerations. Our requirements will vary depending on age of children, number of children, amount of time the children will be cared for, etc.

The book also points out the considerations we must make as to the convenience and cost along with suitability.

Studies have shown that children who are in various types of child-care situations do benefit from it. They learn to interact with other children, become more independent and, in general, are exposed to a good learning experience.

So whether you are going to work, going back to school or perhaps want to become involved in volunteer work or civic duties and need child care for your children, I strongly advise *Choosing Child Care*. It will answer many of your questions and prepare you for the questions you in turn will want answered by various child care services.

Reception Will Honor Kistner



A RECEPTION TO HONOR Middle School Principal Charles Kistner as he retires will be held for all residents at the Capt. Leonard House on Dec. 10th from 7 to 9 p.m.



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Women's Club Plans Meeting On Ghost Houses

The Agawam Women's Club will hold their meeting at the Capt. Leonard House on Monday, November 23rd.

J.C. Parker will speak on ghost houses, their legends and architecture. Parker spent two years at West Point and designed their memorial at Flirtation Walk and the stone at the north entrance wall which appeared in the movie *West Point*. He is a registered engineer and artist who has been featured in *Yankee* magazine.

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Board Of Appeals
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7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, November 24th
School Board Meeting
7:00 P.M.
Junior High School

Thursday, November 26th
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Losito-Nejfelt Wedding Held

On Saturday, November 14, 1981, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, the wedding of Theresa Angela Losito to John Victor Nejfelt took place. Following the ceremony performed by Rev. Joseph H. Fellin, a reception was held at St. Anne's Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Losito of 6 Fenton Street, Feeding Hills. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Nejfelt of New Britain, Connecticut.

Acting as maid of honor was Nancy Stellato, cousin of the bride, and bridesmaids were Linda Comee and Nancy Deemer.

Standing as best man was brother of the groom James Nejfelt, and ushers were Phil Losito and Robert Bernas.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. She is currently employed as a personnel secretary with the C.H. Dexter Division in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The groom is a graduate of New Britain High School and the University of Connecticut, Storrs. He is also employed by C. H. Dexter Division as a maintenance systems manager.

The couple will reside in Somers, Connecticut, after returning from a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Ecumenical Service Planned Thanksgiving Eve

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the community will be held Sunday evening, November 22nd, at the First Baptist Church, corner Main and Elm Streets beginning at 7:30.

Members of the clergy from town will conduct the service and the choir of the First Baptist Church will sing with Jeanne Webster as soloist.

The Rev. Leonard Cowan, new vicar at St. David's Episcopal Church, will speak on "Give Thanks to God in all Circumstances." The offering will be given to the Emergency Fuel Fund of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield.

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Polish Club Holds Annual Bazaar



POLISH CLUB Women's Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar was held last weekend. Barbara Goehlert (right) and Theresa Charkiewicz were on hand at the annual event. Photo by Jack Devine.

Clearinghouse Accepting Donations

Project workers of the Agawam Clearinghouse are busy trying to collect canned, boxed or frozen goods, fresh fruit or vegetables, and turkeys to share with local families and elderly citizens for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The children of Building Block Nursery School in Feeding Hills will be shopping for groceries this week paying for their purchases with money earned doing odd jobs around their homes.

Won't all of you town residents join the children's enthusiasm and make a contribution? By sharing and caring for others, your holiday will be brighter.

For more information on Clearinghouse or on where you might send donations, please contact Barbara Connery at 786-2671 or Gail Pirnie at 786-5536.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club, sponsors of this annual project, urge all town residents to help make the holiday brighter for needy families and individuals in our community.

Garden Club News

At their annual banquet held last week, members of the Agawam Garden Club heard Mrs. Helen C. Bates present pictures of colorful birds, flowers, koalas, and kangaroos taken during her recent trip to Australia.

Mrs. Bates, whose column "Feeder Scraps" appears regularly in the Sunday Republican, is a familiar figure to most club members. She related to them many of her experiences while in wild areas of Australia, including cooking meals out in the open with a saw blade as a fireplace grill and boiling tea in a tin bucket.

The club will meet on Tuesday, November 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jessie McMahon to make fresh evergreen wreaths to be donated to several locations in town.

President Janet Cook asks members to bring gloves, wire, and wire cutters to help in preparing the wreaths. This will be the last meeting for 1981.

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It is certainly encouraging to have a lot of anniversaries to celebrate. Obviously, marriage is alive and well and many people out there are enjoying it.

Special congratulations are going out to STANLEY & LEATRICE WOJCIECHOWSKI of 17 Deering Street who are celebrating their 31st anniversary on November 25th. The Wojciechowskis have lived in Agawam since 1955, and Stan has been active in little league baseball as both coach and manager. He also bowls and golfs. They have two lovely children, KEVIN and BARBARA, who, along with ROB and DEBBIE, want to wish them much happiness.

Stan is employed at United Technology in East Hartford and Leatrice works for F & D Fabrics here in Agawam. Stanley says he only has one complaint about his marriage, and he tells it to his wife often. He says he is sorry he didn't meet Leatrice ten years sooner. Aside from this obvious devotion, the key ingredient to their happiness seems to be activity. Staying active, says Stan, keeps you alive and happy. Happy Anniversary to you both and many more to come.

Another big anniversary this month is for MR. & MRS. PETER MUTTI of 57 Spencer Street. On November 17th, the Muttis celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss. Some of us hope to live that long, let alone be able to celebrate being married that long!

There was a quiet family party to honor the couple. Helping to celebrate were the couple's three children, son "ACE" MUTTI, SOPHIE MacKECHNIE, and SHIRLEY SARACINO. Also along for the festivities were the six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We join the family in wishing the Muttis much happiness.

We have some special birthday wishes going out to "AUNTIE JOYCE" of Harvey Johnson Drive from nephew ZACHARY and niece NICOLE. They both think Auntie is pretty special, and while we won't tell the year, November 19th was the special day. Hope it was a super one for Joyce.

It could be called a family affair, or maybe blowing one's own horn, but the White family will be well represented in the Agawam Repertory Theatre's fall production opening November 20th at the Rodeway Inn in Chicopee. Rita White has a small part in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and is joined by daughter Shawne, who has a small speaking part, and son Danny, who plays a sailor with just a walkon. Father will be in the audience to cheer on the troupe.

The family is even more active off stage as both Shawne and Danny helped with set construction and both are working props for the show. Shawne and mother joined forces to help with publicity. A fun time for the family and a fun evening out for anyone who comes to see the show.

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"JUNIE" PROVOST, right, represents the Agawam Lions Club which recently donated to the Ambulance Fund being conducted by the Agawam Firefighters Association. Acting Fire Chief Russell Jenks, left, and Firefighter Richard Weld, chairman of the drive, accept the check from Provost on behalf of the Lions. Photo by Jack Devine.

Firefighters Thank Donors To Fund

The Agawam Permanent Firefighters' Association would once again like to thank publicly the latest contributors to their ongoing fund to raise monies needed to purchase a new ambulance to service residents of town. The fund is now approaching \$40,000 towards its goal of \$50,000 and any new donations will be greatly appreciated.

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Masons Plan Public Tree Lighting

An outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 5th, at the Agawam Masonic Temple (old Center Library), 733 Main Street. According to Kenneth Lenz, master of Elm Lodge of Masons in Agawam, the ceremony will begin at 6 p.m.



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For Senior Citizens...

New Beginnings

By Rita White

I'm not hearing very much from you seniors out there. You all must have good news to share with us. Aside from being able to feel proud of those happy events in your life, sharing them with others can give hope and an uplift when they see others enjoying life. So let's hear from you.

About 75 seniors from town were guests of Bay Path Junior College recently to see their production of *Applause*. It was a wonderful afternoon. The show was excellent and the seniors especially appreciated the very gracious treatment they received.

For those seniors who took the trip in October to New Hampshire, there will be a partial refund of your money. Please stop by the Senior Center and get your refund.

The Golden Agers recently held their Christmas bazaar at the Senior Center and it was a tremendous success. Lines began before the bazaar was even open and the big rush was for the baked goods table. Everyone already knew who had baked what and there were obviously some favorites.

When the bazaar finally did start, the baked goods disappeared before anyone knew what was happening. All in all, it was a wonderful day and the Golden Agers thank everyone involved.

And while speaking of Golden Agers, we are sorry to hear that Nancy Cushman is in the hospital recovering from surgery. The good news is that she is apparently doing well, and we look forward to seeing her smiling face at the center again real soon.

Happy Birthdays going out on the 29th to Ida Birk and on the 25th to Maud Daigneau. Many more girls.

Lunches next week include the following: Monday: shepherd's pie; Tuesday: manicotti; Wednesday: Thanksgiving dinner of baked ham, sweet potatoes, etc; Thursday: holiday; and Friday: clam chowder.



FOR THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGERS CLUB, their recent banquet honoring 25 years of serving the town's senior citizens was a marked success. Seated in places of honor at the banquet were, from left: Marion Binnenkade, Ways and Means Committee; Mary Demersky, Banquet Committee; Alice Squazza, Connie Galli and Frank Galli. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Storowton Seeks Crafters To Exhibit At Festival

Area crafters who wish to exhibit and sell at Storowton Village's annual Holiday Festival and Craft Fair set for Sunday, December 6th, are urged to contact June Cook, Village director, at (413)736-0632.

The event will take place at colonial Storowton Village and the adjacent New England Center on the grounds of the Big E in West Springfield. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Highlights of the day will include rides, holiday food sampling, tours of decorated homes along the Village Green, discussion of holiday customs of yesteryear, and a visit by Santa.

Agawam Cinemas Offer Movie To Benefit Needy

A movie to benefit needy people during the holiday season will be held on Wednesday, November 25th, at the Agawam Cinemas, Suffield Street, in the Southgate Shopping Plaza.

The film will be suitable for family viewing and will begin at 2 p.m. Admission will be one can or package of food to be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy people.

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By Dorine Kubik

Circle the dates and mark your calendars as a reminder of the many club and church bazaars scheduled in Agawam for the coming weeks. Members of these organizations have been busy all year preparing for their bazaars, creating miscellaneous items from Attic treasures to Zucchini cake.

Aside from church groups, various local clubs feature holiday fairs. The Women's Auxilliary of the Polish American Club held their bazaar last weekend along with the one sponsored by the Springfield Turnverein. Heritage Hall Nursing Home is planning its fair for November 28th with the special raffle of a dollhouse made by residents of the home as the featured attraction.

Among churches sponsoring bazaars was the Agawam Methodist Church, which held theirs last weekend.

The United Women's Fellowship of First Baptist Church on Main Street will stage their Jingle Valley Fair this Saturday, November 21st, from 10 to 4 o'clock. This fair will feature homemade foods, white elephant items, plants, handcrafted articles, and unusual Christmas decorations. Luncheon will be served from 11 to 1:30 at a cost of \$3. Reservations for a lunch consisting of chicken casserole, cranberry salad, blueberry muffins, apple kuchen, and coffee or tea can be made by calling 786-7123 or the church.

The annual Holly Berry Bazaar will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street on December 4th and 5th. A dessert card party at 1 p.m. will be Friday's main event. Reservations can be made by calling 786-7111. The bazaar will be held on Saturday from 9 to 4 o'clock. Besides usual bazaar items, they will offer a snack bar serving sandwiches, doughnuts, desserts and beverages from 9 to 1 and a Silver Tea from 2 to 4.

St. Anthony of Padua Church on Maple Street will hold its bazaar on November 20th from 6 to 9 p.m. and on the 21st from 10 to 7. Sponsored by the Holy Rosary Society, it will feature usual bazaar items plus homemade pasta, spaghetti sauce, and pickles and relishes. A variety snack bar will be open and a Chinese Raffle will be held.

Sacred Heart Church will hold their fair at the parish center on Springfield Street on December 4th from 6 to 9 p.m. and December 5th from 10 to 7. Various booths will feature a Christmas theme and both old and new jewelry will be available. Along with other usual bazaar items, this fair will offer a children's shopping booth.

St. David's Episcopal Church on Springfield Street has scheduled its fair for November 21st from 10 to 4 o'clock. Featured will be craft items and toys with lunch available.

Feeding Hills Congregational Church on North Westfield Street will hold a bazaar and Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, December 12th. Reservations for the supper are required and may be made by calling 786-5061 or 786-5144. The bazaar will run from 10 to 7 with lunch available from 11 to 1. On sale will be home-baked foods and candy, Christmas wreaths and decorations, and old-but-new toys along with many other items.

The Social Club of St. Theresa's Church on Bridge Street will sponsor its first Christmas Bazaar on November 27th from noon to 8 p.m. and on November 28th from 10 to 8. A tag sale booth along with the Fabric Closet, Country Store, Game Booth, and Amway Booth are among the features. A snack bar will offer hot dogs, beans, and beverages.

Santa will visit this bazaar on Friday from 7 to 8 and on Saturday from 10 to 12 and from 2 to 4. A photographer will be present to take pictures.

St. John's Church will hold its fair on Saturday, December 5th, 9 to 4 o'clock in the parish center on Main Street. Many women of the parish are currently hard at work gathering items

If it's bazaar hopping that you are interested in, you will find plenty to keep you busy right here in Agawam within the next few weeks.

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Bazaars Highlight Season



SACRED HEART CHURCH always sponsors one of the best bazaars in the area because of the many hard-working women who devote so much time and energy to their projects. Here from left to right, Nancy Doucette, Theresa Barlow, and Mary Cimaroli examine some of the handicrafts which will be available for purchase December 4th and 5th. Photo by Jack Devine.



JINGLE VALLEY FAIR is an annual event at the Baptist Church, and here, left to right, Pat McCarthy, Dorothy Magovern, and Gert Porter display some of the cuddly creatures which will go on sale this Saturday, Nov. 21st. Photo by Jack Devine.



HOLLY BERRY FAIR of the Agawam Congregational Church is a traditional project of their Ladies Aid Society. Here, left to right, Phyllis Cummings, Alice Moore, and Doris Kistner show off some of their fine handiwork. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Mikki's Kitchen

By Michele Blair Pisano

Have you given any thought as to what you are going to serve for dessert on Thanksgiving Day? How about a pudding that has just one ingredient? Yes, you did read it right - just one ingredient.

Last year about this time, June Borgatti gave me a recipe for a pudding that had no name. "It tastes like velvety caramel," said June, "and best of all, it only has one ingredient."

Curiosity got the best of me, and I tried this strange pudding. We all thought it was really delicious. With pineapple and whipped cream topping, it somewhat resembles pineapple upside down cake.

JUNE'S NO NAME PUDDING

1 or more cans of sweetened condensed milk

Place unopened cans of sweetened condensed milk (label off) in boiling water. Boil for three hours, making sure the water never goes below the cans. Cool overnight in the refrigerator. Next day, open both ends of the can (as you would cranberry sauce) and slide pudding out. Slice circles of pudding with warm knife and place on a dish. Top with pineapple slice, whipped cream and a cherry.

Another Thanksgiving dessert that has always gone over well is what my mother calls Kiss Pudding. I don't know where the name originated, however, it is a variation of a floating island dessert. This pudding is an extremely light custard topped with chocolate meringue.

KISS PUDDING

2 C. milk
1/2 C. sugar
Pinch of salt
1 Sq. bitter chocolate
3 Eggs
1/3 C. powdered sugar
1 Tsp. cornstarch
1 Tsp. vanilla

Scald milk in double boiler. Beat eggs (yolk only) until light, add 1/2 cup sugar and 1 tsp. cornstarch dissolved in a little water. Add pinch of salt. Add this to the milk in the double boiler and cook until it makes a thin custard. Remove, add vanilla.

When cool, beat the three egg whites stiff and add 1/3 cup powdered sugar and then fold in melted chocolate. Top the custard mixture with this and swirl into a peak.

CORRECTION: To the recipe run recently for English Muffin Loaf, add one tablespoon sugar.

Please send your recipes or requests to me at 39 Norris Street, Feeding Hills. 01030



Thomas W. Branchini

Branchini Earns C.L.U. Diploma

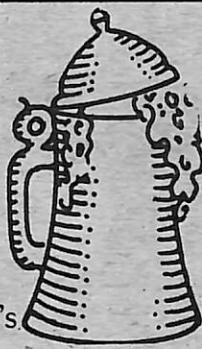
Agawam native Thomas W. Branchini has been awarded the C.L.U. diploma and professional designation by the American College at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. This college is an accredited, degree-granting institution for the advancement of learning and professionalism in life insurance and related financial sciences.

Branchini is a sales manager with the Prudential Insurance Company and a graduate of Springfield College. He resides in West Springfield.

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Your Dental Health

By Stephen R.
Jacaprarro, D.M.D.

Through the ages, parents have waited with anxious joy for the eruption of Junior's first baby tooth. This momentous period is only rivaled by those sleepless nights caused by the anticipation of the first permanent tooth.

There is a wide chronological variation between children of just when the permanent teeth will erupt, though six years of age is the typical age for eruption of the lower central incisors (front teeth) and what is usually called the six-year molar. Unfortunately, things can go wrong.

Primary (baby) teeth can be lost early for various reasons causing the loss of space which is necessary for permanent teeth to replace them. The results can be crowding of the teeth with resultant malocclusion to an impacted tooth which never erupts into the mouth. Sometimes a primary tooth will not fall out as it should and, therefore, creates an obstacle in the way of erupting successors with the result that the permanent teeth will erupt out of position.

Another problem which can be anticipated with the aid of radiographs (X-rays) that show the root areas of the primary teeth and, therefore, the areas where the permanent tooth buds are forming, is the congenitally missing permanent tooth. For one reason or another, many times a permanent tooth does not develop; as a rule, the missing tooth is predominantly the most distal (closest to the back of the mouth) tooth of that group of teeth.

For example, the third molar or wisdom tooth is the most distal of the molar tooth group and is the one most often missing. The second bicuspid or premolar (teeth directly behind the eye tooth and before the molars) is the most distal of the bicuspids and is the bicuspid that is most often missing in that group.

Like all rules that came before it, there is an exception and that is the lower central incisor is missing more often than the lateral incisor which is the most distal of incisor group of teeth. You are probably thinking that it sounds like a rule to live by and make financial decisions based on the probabilities, but otherwise what can you do.

Even though a primary tooth does not have a successor, its roots may begin to resorb (dissolve) as they would if there was a successor there, which means that there will be a space with no new tooth to fill it.

Depending on the alignment of other teeth in the mouth at this time, orthodontics may be used to close the space and align other teeth properly. Sometimes the roots don't dissolve right away, and the dentist may try to keep this tooth in place as long as possible.

Due to the fact that primary teeth were not meant to do the job of permanent teeth, their crowns are too bulbous and their roots too short. They eventually tend to develop gum and bone problems and show varying degrees of either root resorption or fusion to the jaw bone, neither reaction is good or desirable, but is caused by the extra forces of the adult musculature during mastication on a tooth never designed to withstand them.

Usually when this begins to occur, the patient is older and this tooth can be replaced with a bridge or partial denture or, depending on the alignment of the other teeth, orthodontic treatment can be initiated.

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By Gary Kerr, B.S., R.Ph.

DMSO, or dimethyl sulfoxide, is a by-product of the paper pulp industry and perhaps the most controversial drug of our time, ranking alongside laetrile. Since 1963 when DMSO was first approved for study in human subjects, the drug has undergone endless research and review. Today, many people use solvent grade DMSO to treat arthritis and other musculoskeletal disorders without realizing the potential hazards of its use.

Studies conducted utilized medicinal grade DMSO for the most part, as opposed to the less pure solvent form, and still many adverse reactions to the compound were reported.

Of primary concern is the strong penetrating powers that DMSO possesses when applied to the skin. Persons using solvent grade DMSO risk not only the absorption of impurities from the liquid into the general circulation but also risk the absorption of any substances present on the skin at the time of application.

These tissue-penetrating powers are evident by the garlic taste and breath odor which occur within minutes of administration. This phenomenon appears in nearly 100% of DMSO users and may remain as long as three days since the compound breaks down in the body to other active substances.

Gastrointestinal (pertaining to the stomach and intestines) effects are commonly seen also and include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and constipation.

Some users suffer from various respiratory ailments including an influenza-like syndrome. Difficulty in breathing (dyspnea), mucous membrane dryness, sore throat, and cough have been reported as well as an uncomfortable dryness of the mouth (xerostomia).

Local effects of DMSO application are certainly not scarce either. Often the area to which the solvent is applied responds by turning bright red and becoming swollen and itchy. Long term DMSO use may yield skin dryness and scaling.

Research involving some animal species revealed DMSO to alter the lens of the eye, causing myopia (nearsightedness). However, similar studies involving humans failed to produce similar results. Eye pain and transient changes in color vision have been reported in some DMSO users.

Other miscellaneous unwanted effects of DMSO can include drowsiness, headache, and dizziness, all of which occur quite frequently. Severe allergic reactions have been reported as has burning on urination.

Today only one clinical use for DMSO has been approved by the FDA: installation into the bladder for the treatment of interstitial cystitis. This approved solution of DMSO is but 50% while the solvent forms are usually 99% (DMSO).

Many persons try DMSO for various symptoms and claim "magic" relief, while others endure adverse effects of the drug. Regardless, everyone should realize the DMSO available to the public is nothing more than an industrial solvent, is very likely impure, and can endanger one's health. Stop and think for a minute how potent this drug must be if it can pass through tissue and be tasted only moments after application to the skin!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.



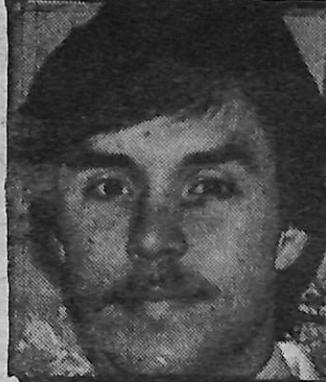
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Your Back & Your Health

By Dr. Joseph Schlaffer

How often have you heard someone complain of a painful hip or a leg problem? Hip and leg problems can occur in many painful ways. The miseries of such conditions as lumbago, rheumatism, neuritis, and sciatica are infamous, indeed.

We depend upon our hips and legs throughout our daily routine - throughout our life - more than most of us realize. Millions of individuals must depend upon their hips and legs from many miles of walking each day. Postmen, policemen, office, store, and factory employees, housewives, and students are but a few. The value of these important limbs functioning properly and pain-free is even more pronounced for such people.

Lumbago and rheumatism both have their effect in the muscles. The hips and lower back (part of the hips) are particularly susceptible to these ailments. Irritation to the nerves which control the function of the hips and legs is the main cause of neuritis. Sciatica is a condition affecting the sciatic nerve, the largest nerve in the body, which controls movement as well as sensory functions of the hips and legs. Sciatica is an excruciatingly painful condition.

It should come as no surprise that pain so often strikes in the hip and leg areas when you consider the myriad tasks that these body parts are called on to perform. Lifting, pulling, pushing, accidents, etc., can cause an injury to nerves resulting in pain in the hips and legs.

Most of us have experienced some degree of hip and leg discomfort due to being forced to sit in a cramped position for a long period of time, perhaps during a long bus, auto, or plane trip. This discomfort, or even pain, is usually short-lived. But can you imagine having to endure this - or even worse - as constant pain?

Many thousands of people do as a result of one of the above-mentioned situations. It is no wonder thousands take pain-killing drugs. Unfortunately, the relief is not long lasting or side effects complicate the usage of these chemicals and they do not eliminate the underlying cause.

The doctor of chiropractic concerns himself with the effects of spinal misalignments on the nerves that carry health giving energy to every cell of the body. If vertebrae and the discs between them are subluxated misaligned they can pinch (irritate) the nerves that branch out from the spinal structures. This can result in many of the symptoms of leg and back pain.

In specific problems with hips and legs, the nerve pressure is often found in the lower body, though it might be found in other parts of the spine.

Today's chiropractor has at least six years of specialized college training plus valuable practical experience. A thorough knowledge of the spinal column and the body's nervous system enables him to examine and locate the point of nerve pressure or irritation. Proper adjustment can relieve the nerve pressure and irritation and a return to normal, pain-free function of the hip and leg follows.

If you suffer from lumbago, rheumatism, neuritis or sciatica or any other hip or leg problems, ask your chiropractor to examine your spine and nervous system. If indicated, he will provide proper chiropractic treatment. Delay in treating the condition may cause worsening of the underlying cause.

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Fortunately, care for most on-the-job injuries is covered by workmen's compensation insurance. Nevertheless, don't take chances. If you fall or strain something, arrange for a complete examination.

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DR. JOSEPH S. SCHLAFFER
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Preparing For Baptist Church Fair



A WORK PARTY WAS HELD at the home of Shirley and Don Goss to make cemetery boxes and door sways to be sold at Saturday's Agawam Baptist Church's Jingle Valley Fair. Here, left to right, Phyllis Damon and Coralie and Bob Southworth arrange the greenery. Photo by Jack Devine.

Coin & Stamp Show Set

The West Springfield Coin Club will be holding its Coin & Stamp Show on December 13th at the Greek Cultural Center, 2309 Main Street, Springfield. Show hours are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Free parking is available along with free admission and free hourly drawings. Refreshments will be available. The public is welcome.



Rubbing with wet bar soap may relieve itching insect bites. Painful stings can be eased with a paste of cornstarch or baking soda mixed with vinegar, lemon juice or witch hazel.

Protect Your Mail!

Feeding Hills Postmaster Joseph Dahdah has issued a warning to those residents with mailboxes easily accessible from the street. According to Dahdah, theft has been on the increase recently and he recommends the following steps be taken to secure mailboxes:

1. Promptly remove mail from mailbox, especially checks.
2. Immediately notify the post office and mailers if you change your address.
3. Report non-receipt of checks, food stamps and ATP's to the issuing agency.
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By Atty. Frank R. Saia

A TRUST FOR ALL REASONS

A trust is a legal relationship set up by you, the donor, under which one or more persons, the trustees, hold and supervise and distribute property for the benefit of your children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters or anyone else you choose as a beneficiary. Can you trust that your property will be adequately administered upon your death or even while you're alive in accordance with your objectives, goals, and desires without a trust?

Why should you create a trust? Various reasons motivate people to create trusts:

1. To provide for the management and distribution of assets before or after death.
2. To protect your children or other beneficiaries by giving control of the trust fund to a trustee, whom is someone you can trust - obviously!
3. To limit your children's or beneficiaries' rights to receive income or assets of the trust over a period of time. This may help prevent squandering of money needlessly.
4. To reduce income or estate taxes by transferring to another both the benefit and tax liability of certain income or property.
5. To assure standby protection for yourself and family in the event of illness or disability.
6. To help reduce administration and probate costs and delays upon your death.

A trust should only be created when the need and economic benefit justifies it. Your attorney can help you determine if such need or economic benefit exists. A trust can be created to take effect upon your death or for specific lifetime purposes and needs. Some lifetime needs and purposes of a trust are as follows:

1. To relieve yourself of the burden of assets management
2. To finance a child's education
3. To support an elderly parent
4. To shift income and tax liability for a period of time
5. To make charitable gifts
6. To avoid disclosure of assets in probate
7. To formulate a flexible estate plan.

One of the most difficult tasks in the creation of a trust is choosing the right trustee or trustees. Among important factors of choosing a trustee is to determine if the trustee will be understanding of the beneficiary's needs. A trustee must manage the trust assets, invest them, keep records, prepare tax returns, make distributions and account to the beneficiaries. He has a duty of loyalty and good faith.

Remember you are the author of your trust. You define its terms; provide guidelines under which your trust will perform. Other components of a trust will provide for the distribution and/or accumulation of income and/or principal, the terms upon which your trust may be amended, who will be your successor trustee, whether you can add or replace beneficiaries, etc.

Another important factor in consideration of a trust is that there may be significant tax advantages to you, your estate or your beneficiaries on the state or federal tax levels with a trust designed for your needs.

If you already have a trust plan that was drawn in the past, you should have your lawyer review it, because there have been sweeping changes in the tax laws brought about by the Economic Recovery Act of 1981.

If you feel a trust may be able to help you manage now, in the future, or after your death, consult your attorney. After all, if you cannot trust yourself, who can you trust?



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By State Rep.
Edward W. Connelly
Third Hampden District

The rumor mills which flourish constantly in and around the State House corridors do now concede that this legislative session will go "around the clock". In other words, right into the second half of the term which begins on the first Wednesday in January.

Since passage of The Bottle Bill by the Senate veto override, The Racing Bill has once again become unglued and could be headed for another conference committee, complete with resumption of in-fighting between the horse and dog interests.

Congressional re-districting does not seem to be near agreement and this is a must lest the courts take over. A situation the majority leadership could not live with based solely upon the abrogation of a constitutional prerogative. And, this too might well happen if the pace does not quicken.

The "Tregor" Bill which has been submitted by the Boston City Council and Mayor White has been subjected to daily bickering by the Boston Legislators who quibble while the city continues to lay-off its employees. Without the necessary bonding authorization contained in "Tregor" Boston will be in dire fiscal straits.

And as time, tide, and Thanksgiving wait for no man, it becomes more apparent each day that the rumor mills are no longer turning out rumors. They seem to be more like sure bets.

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Cindy Singers In Full Holiday Swing

The Cindy Singers are in full swing for the new season starting with Christmas time.

The concert tour under the direction of Cynthia A. Meyer will begin on December 6th by visiting Riverdale Nursing Home in West Springfield and Spruce Manor Nursing Home in Springfield.

On December 14th, the group will perform at Saint Joan's Episcopal Church in Warehouse Point, Connecticut, and on December 15th, at the Church in the Acres, Springfield.

On January 10th, the group will present its third concert for the new organ at First Church of Christ Congregational in Suffield.

Spring season is open for concerts. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mrs. Meyer in Suffield.

They Couldn't Wait



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Guest Editorial...

By Harold Ellis
Planning Board Member

Despite any amount of environmental, legal or citizen opposition, Massachusetts will be constructing a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility within the next five years.

Massachusetts House Bill No. 6877, currently still under sub-committee review, is an "Emergency Law" the purpose of which is to "quickly encourage and expedite the process of development of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Treatment and Disposal Facilities."

The vast majority of Low-Level Radioactive Waste is generated by commercial nuclear reactors, in hospitals, universities, and industry. There are currently 410 licenses for such reactors in Massachusetts alone.

Low-Level Radioactive Waste should not be confused with spent nuclear fuel or by-product materials from Nuclear Power Plants. That high-level radioactive waste material is monitored and disposed of by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a federal agency. Low-Level Radioactive Waste will be disposed of by simply burying it in the ground. It does not render the waste harmless. Low-Level Radioactive Waste is dangerous and can remain dangerous and require monitoring for centuries.

Since 1962 there have been six Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal sites in the United States. Three have been shut down due to complications, mostly ground water contamination. The three remaining facilities have been handling the load for the entire country, and not without problems.

The governors of these three host states (South Carolina, Nevada, and Washington) have successfully pressured the federal government to mandate that each state now take care of its own Low-Level Radioactive Waste. Realizing it is unrealistic to warrant the existence of fifty sites, one for each state, the federal government is encouraging a regional collaborative of states to select a site.

Our suggested "partners" are the five remaining New England states and New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey - ten states in all. But why should the sparsely populated states like Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, who may have numerous available sites, sit down at the same bargaining table with a state such as New Jersey, which conceivably might have no ecologically acceptable sites at all?

Sure enough, three states - Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire - have passed laws banning Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facilities within their boundaries. They certainly do not indicate a willingness to locate a disposal site in their home states.

Don't expect a similar law to save Massachusetts. We produce the sixth largest volume of Low-Level Radioactive Waste in the nation and 50% of all Low-Level Radioactive Waste in New England. Now that the federal government will relinquish authority over existing Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal sites, the facilities can no longer be forced to accept our waste.

The host states of South Carolina, Nevada, and Washington have indicated that they will severely limit or totally cut off use of their disposal sites by other states. Massachusetts, being a major contributor of Low-Level Radioactive Waste, is hardly in a position to make demands on other states.

Massachusetts lawmakers would actually prefer a Low-Level Waste Disposal site within its jurisdiction. Our own facility here in Massachusetts would better ensure controlled transportation costs and burial fees for state businesses producing Low-Level Radioactive Waste. Furthermore, it is predicted that Massachusetts will triple its annual Low-Level Radioactive Waste generation rate within this decade. The state government recognizes that dependence on an out-of-state disposal facility would be a disastrous financial burden and not in the best interest of the business community.

It is not presumptuous to assume that the state will never ban the commercial operation of Low-Level Radioactive Waste nuclear reactor until there is a major disaster. But a major disaster will not happen spontaneously; it will take many years before environmental damage is noticed.

House Bill No. 6877 will circumvent any local ordinance relating to such facilities regardless of when the local law was passed. All home rule authority is eliminated. Other sections of House Bill No. 6877 makes it easier for the Governor to dictate by allowing him to appoint 13 or 23 members of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Facility Site Safety Council, therefore ensuring himself a "ruling majority."

It is disturbing that this law may be passed before any site selection design criteria is established. What communities in Massachusetts can physically handle such a facility? Maybe none, when the site selection was done in the past on a national level by a federal agency. But now with site selection authority in state control, I'm afraid previous safety standards will be altered or revised to ensure that such a facility could indeed be built in Massachusetts.

While House Bill No. 6877 may be written to make it possible to construct a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Facility, low-level radioactive waste will be dangerous for centuries regardless of any law passed by any group of lawmakers.

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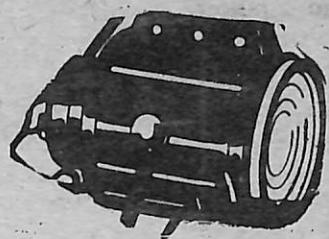
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SCHOOL NEWS



FEATURE OF THE WEEK

By Joanne Brown

American Education Week, November 15-21, 1981, is a time singled out annually to pay special tribute to our educational system and especially to the backbone of the system, our teachers.

Though in recent years teachers have come to be more militant than in the past and have drawn some sharp criticism for such behavior, they are still the unsung heroes of our educational system and, as a group, should be credited for the outstanding dedication they demonstrate.

One such teacher who has been with the Agawam School System many years is Miss Esther Dillon. An English teacher at the former Junior High School for twenty years, Miss Dillon has served for the last fifteen years as fulltime librarian at the Middle School.

In 1960 she was called upon by then-Principal Raymond Harris to work as a part-time librarian while also carrying some English classes. In the absence of any prior facility, she had to build a library from scratch.

Miss Dillon recalls, "We had nothing to start with, and Mr. Harris began the library by soliciting books from parents and other donors. Though some of these donations, such as Flash Gordon types, were awful, most were used, at least in the beginning."

Miss Dillon credits federal funding through Title II and more recently Title IV as the actual impetus to the Middle School library. The facility now encompasses 9,000 books.

From 1960-1967, Miss Dillon continued to teach English while operating the library on a part-time basis. She followed up her master's degree with studies for certification as a school librarian and then opened the library fulltime.

Among the courses required for certification in library science were some involving book selection and literature for children. Miss Dillon explains that she chooses books for her library according to price, age level, and recommendations from professional journals and from the American Library Association.

Ann Favreau To Participate In Conference

Mrs. Ann Favreau, kindergarten teacher at Granger School, will present a large display at the New England Kindergarten Conference scheduled for November 20th in Randolph, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Favreau will feature a newly developed rainbow theme center based on studies she completed last summer at the University of Connecticut's Gifted and Talented Confratute. Samples of her students' work will accompany her display.

In addition, Mrs. Favreau will demonstrate to teachers from throughout New England methods and materials for developing three motor development centers.

The Popeye fitness area stresses physical fitness, body awareness, and a positive self-image. The Hollow Log area places emphasis on strength, endurance, balance, eye-hand and eye-foot coordination. The Baseball center is designed to reinforce catching, throwing, batting and visual discrimination skills.

This year's conference entitled "Shaping the Future" is sponsored by Lesley College and is dedicated to quality early childhood experiences.

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Middle School Library Encouraging



Miss Esther Dillon
Librarian at Agawam Middle School

"I suppose I'd be called very conservative in my choices, but I do stay away from controversial subjects," she comments. "I believe if I select a book and pay for it with taxpayers' money, then it should be suitable to the child's age level. If they want to read another book, then I feel they can pay for it themselves."

Miss Dillon points out that, although she's "protective" of students at the 11-12 year-old age, she does try to present them with books dealing with problems with which many may be familiar. Examples of these might include typical family situations, such as a new stepparent or baby joining a family, or perhaps a child who's been adopted or one who feels neglected as the middle child in a family.

She cites Judy Blume as the most popular author chosen by girls and S.E. Hinton and Lee Kingman as the top choice by boys.

According to Miss Dillon, non-fiction equals, or even surpasses, fiction at the Middle School level. She attributes this fact to students having a wide variety of interests at that age and also having more time to read prior to involvement with other activities that comes at secondary levels.

Each class begins the year with a general orientation to the library. Book classification is organized on the Dewey Decimal System, and Miss Dillon points out that students can take their knowledge of the school's library to the public library, which is also on the Dewey system.

Each class is then scheduled for one period a week in the library. From their homeroom, students go in five at a time to choose their books with a maximum of two to be taken each time. Miss Dillon is quite proud that circulation often reaches 100 books a day.

Library rules and regulations are strictly enforced, though with an "iron-hand-in-the-velvet-glove" approach. A word or gesture is all that is necessary to keep students quiet and orderly. "How can you teach anything if students can't first hear what you say?" Miss Dillon queries.

She has taken great care to key all books to a general range encompassing the ages and reading abilities of the Middle School students. She sees the primary function of a school library to be providing books which may be used as supplements to school subjects being studied; therefore, most of the books stored in her facility are geared that way.

Through attendance at workshops and conferences on the latest procedures and methods involved in upgrading school library facilities, Miss Dillon has maintained a high quality of professionalism in her area. Middle School students should definitely be encouraged to tap her resources for aid in their studies.

AEA Honors Administrators



AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION members held a reception in honor of their new Superintendent and Assistant as part of American Education Week activities. Here, from left to right, are Assistant Supt. Paul Tatro and his wife Lucille, Cheryl and Supt. James Bruno, and Andrew Bower, president of the association.

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Clark Students Using Indians Kit

What was life like in Agawam when the Indians roamed the countryside? How did the Indians get their food? Where did they build their dwellings? And what were their feelings when the white settlers came and took away their lands?

These questions are being investigated by fifth graders at Clark School, as they use the "North American Indians" curriculum kit (one of the 21 Wide Horizons kits) during November.

According to Marjorie Greenough, one of the fifth grade teachers using the kit, the students are fascinated with exploring life in Agawam in the early days.

"For example, now that we're in the hunting season, the students want to know how the Indians hunted and what animals were living here back then," Mrs. Greenough notes.

Under the direction of teachers Nancy Swikalus, William Julian, and Mrs. Greenough, the students are delving into school and town library shelves for books on Indian lore and legends. The information they gather will be written into reports and shared with their fellow classmates.

The "North American Indians" kit offers the students learning activities in a variety of subject areas - social studies, language arts, music and art.

For example, during their art lessons, the students are working with papier mache to create figures representing famous Indians - Massasoit, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, etc.

Outside of school, students are combing new building lots and the riverbanks for Indian artifacts. Several students have uncovered arrowheads; one boy, according to Mrs. Greenough, brought into class an object which he thinks was the stone head to an Indian hammer.

After finishing the kit activities, the teachers and students are planning a field trip to the Science Museum in Springfield for a tour of the Indian exhibits and a viewing of "The People" planetarium program, which illustrates Indian legends. This field trip, which has been described by one teacher whose class has already used the kit as "the high point of our study," is funded by Wide Horizons.

The "North American Indians" kit, which has already been used by fifth graders at Robinson Park Schools, will also be used by Phelps School fifth graders in the spring.

This kit along with the other twenty Wide Horizons curriculum kits, is available for use by all Agawam elementary teachers and students during the school year.

Middle School Sets Parents Night

Parents Night at the Agawam Middle School will be held on Tuesday, November 24th, from 7 to 9 p.m.

At this time, parents are expected to have individual conferences with teachers. Parents are asked to obtain a schedule of classes from their children to enable them to talk with appropriate teachers.

Conferences are to be limited to five minutes. If more time is necessary, parents are asked to arrange for more time at a later date.

All are invited to visit the Social Studies Fair on display in the school auditorium.

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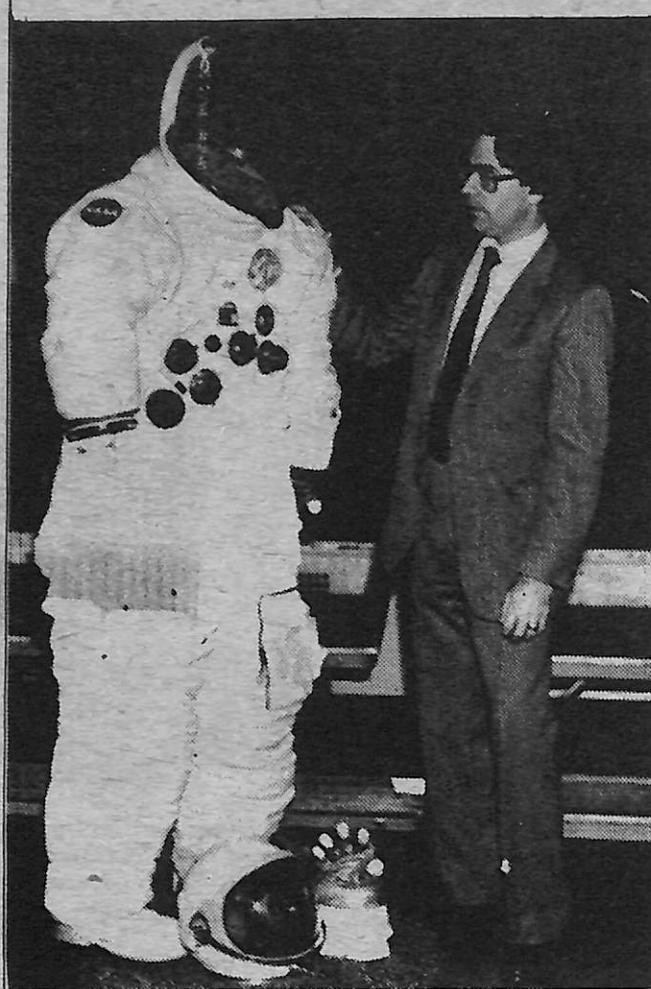
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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., Nov. 23: Chicken soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, buttered carrots, mixed fruit cup
Tues., Nov. 24: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread & butter, apple crisp
Wed., Nov. 25: 1/2 Day: No Lunches
Thurs., Nov. 26: No School
Fri., Nov. 27: No School

Fall Season For AHS Band Closes

The final appearance of the fall season for the Agawam High School Band and Color Guard will take place Saturday, November 21st, at the Peach Basket Festival Parade in Springfield sponsored by the Basketball Hall of Fame. The parade will precede the NCAA basketball game of the year between Virginia and Brigham Young University.

The parade route will follow Main Street beginning in the South End and ending at the Paramount Theater. It will include many area high school bands and begin at 10:30 a.m. * * *

As part of the Band Picture Night programs, the showcase in the main lobby of the High School has been arranged with all of the trophies won by the Senior High Band and Color guard during the last ten years - an impressive display of some 50 awards. * * *

A paper drive will be held by band and color guard members on the weekend following Thanksgiving. A truck will be parked in the high school parking lot.

Band parents will sponsor a "Luncheon With Santa" at the high school cafeteria on Saturday, December 12th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are available from any band or color guard member.



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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Dept. Chairman

This past week has been a busy one for the Guidance Department. The department chairman wrote and had printed by our graphic arts department the first school and community profile. The profile includes information about our community, accreditation, curriculum course designation, graduation requirements, and post-graduation studies.

It will accompany every college application that is sent from our office. By offering an institution a thumbnail sketch of our school and community, we can expect the admissions officers to be in a better position to evaluate our students' backgrounds.

In addition to the school profile, I have prepared for every institution of higher learning an explanation of our new levels of courses and weight designations. This will accompany every application along with the profile.

Finally, the Guidance Department is planning to write a guide book called "The College Planning Guide," which, we hope, will be available to juniors for the second semester. It will contain chapters dealing with financial aid, testing, application procedures, scholarships, etc. Mr. Thomas Collins, department head of Industrial Arts, will oversee the printing of the booklet.

REMINDERS

College applications should be returned to the Guidance Office soon after report cards are issued.

Report cards will be issued Friday, November 20th. Parents Night at the high school is Monday, November 30th.

College conferences are scheduled for Nov. 23rd with Northland College; Nov. 24th with Bryant; and Nov. 25th with College of New Rochelle.

College Financial Aid Night is planned for Thursday, December 5th, at 6:30 in the Community Room of the public library.

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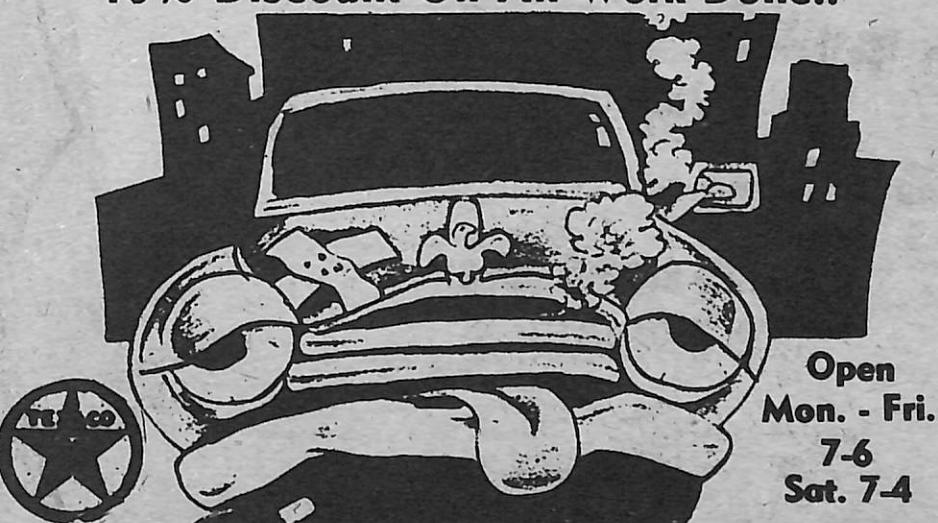
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Pack 75 Derby Winners

Cub Scouts and Webelos of Pack 75 sponsored by Sacred Heart Church held their annual Pinewood Derby on Sunday, November 15th.

Over 60 scouts participated in the elimination tournament. The rules called for each boy to design, cut, and paint his own car with a little assistance from an adult allowed.

Scoutmaster Regis Bluteau has announced the following winners: First place, Mike Bottasso of Webelos Den 1; Second place, Mike Levine of Den 5; and Third place, Brett Boskiewicz of Den 2.



Irish Studies At WSC Offers Classical Irish Music

The Irish American Studies Program at Westfield State College will sponsor a program of Irish classical music on Sunday afternoon, November 22nd, at 3 o'clock in Bates Recital Hall.

This program offers a unique opportunity to hear the music of Ireland's leading contemporary composers as well as a work by leading 18th-century composer John Field.

Among those performing will be faculty member Kenneth Manzer, the Westfield State College Wind Philharmonia under the direction of Dr. Peter Demos, and the college chorale under the direction of Dr. Theodore Davidovich.

For further information, contact Prof. Catherine Shannon at the college.

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Police Chief Commends Longhi & C.A.S.H.

By Dorine Kubik

Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski has commended Sgt. Alfred Longhi, safety officer for the Town of Agawam, and has extended his personal thanks to David and Jeannie Clouse along with other members of the Committee for a Safe Halloween. All were cited for conducting an excellent program for the youth of Agawam on Halloween this year.

Twelve years ago, then safety-officer Chmielewski instituted the program in spite of warnings that such a program would not work. He explains its success by calling it "Agawam's one united event" in which volunteers from high school through to grandparents join together in decorating, passing out candy, and chaperoning youngsters at parties all over town.

Parents, teachers, principals, and other volunteers from schools, clubs, businesses and veterans' groups make up a list of two-to-three hundred people, all of whom work together to make Halloween safe and enjoyable for local children.

The kids enjoy the parties and the Police Department is pleased with the lack of problems that trick-or-treating has traditionally brought with it.

Pets & Thanksgiving

Does your pet demand Thanksgiving tidbits? Including your dog or cat in holiday feasting can mean more trouble than treat, warns the MSPCA's Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital.

Poultry bones splinter easily and can pierce an animal's stomach lining or intestines. String used to truss up the Thanksgiving turkey can become tangled in the intestinal tract. Rich gravies and dressings can cause stomach upsets, vomiting or diarrhea.

For your pet's own safety, dispose of these hazardous leftovers in securely lidded garbage containers out of the reach of crafty scavengers.

Dr. Stoyak, chief of staff at Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital, cites many digestive problems, intestinal obstructions, and perforations that could have been prevented by pet owners being more careful about what their pets ate during the holiday season.

This Thanksgiving, practice preventive medicine. Treat your pet to biscuits and bones designed for animals, not the scraps from your holiday table.

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Laughing Brook Activities

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, Massachusetts, is the recipient of a \$14,500 grant from the Institute of Museum Services. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Laughing Brook has received support from this federal agency in the Department of Education.

Laughing Brook began its second year of operation out of its new Environmental Center building this fall. The Education Center offers courses and workshops on natural history and environmental topics for people of all ages.

The Institute of Museum Services is the only federal agency that offers program and operating support to the nation's museums. Laughing Brook was one of 588 grants awarded out of a field of 1,311 applicants.

Laughing Brook will hold an artist's reception with Richard Ellis, America's foremost painter of marine life, especially whales, on Saturday, November 28th, at 2 p.m. The reception includes an illustrated talk by Ellis and is open to the public at no charge.

The exhibit includes 25 prints of whales from the artist's collection. Signed, limited prints will be available for sale as well as signed copies of his *Book of Whales*.

Participants may also reserve seats on two springtime whale watches planned by Laughing Brook.

Christmas Shop At Your Post Office

Postmaster Robert DeForge recently announced release of the U.S. Postal Service's 1981 commemorative mint set and the latest edition of *Stamps and Stories*, a postal service book on stamp collecting for the new collector as well as the experienced philatelist.

The 1981 mint set album contains all the 40 commemorative and special stamps issued by the Postal Service during 1981, including the '81 Christmas stamps and a description of each.

The mint set is the most recent in a series of annual sets released by the Postal Service each year prior to the holiday season. The cover of the \$8.25 mint set features a montage of artwork related to the commemorative stamps. Inside the album are clear strips of acetate in which to mount and protect the collection.

The new full-color eighth edition of *Stamps and Stories - the U.S. Postal Service Encyclopedia of U.S. Stamps* is on sale and is priced at \$3.50, the same as last year's book. The 280-page book provides interesting philatelic information such as 1981 market values for the novice and experienced collectors.

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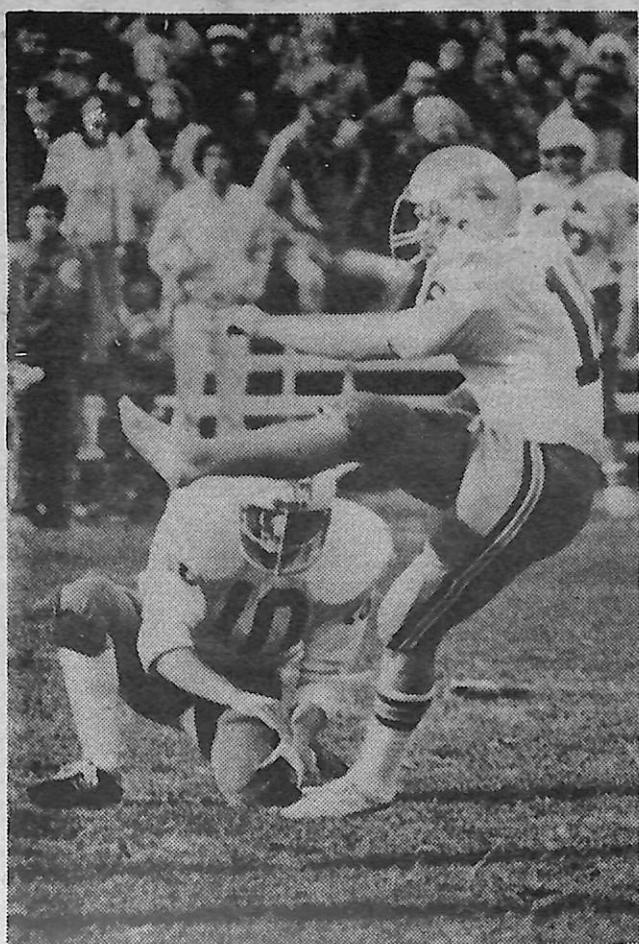
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Lindsay FG Saves Locals, 17-17

By George Sandlin

Peter Lindsay's thirty-five yard field goal with just under a minute remaining in the fourth quarter brought the Agawam football Brownies from the brink of defeat to earn a 17-17 stalemate against the Purple Knights of Holyoke at Harmon Smith Field last Saturday.

The draw eliminated both Agawam and Holyoke from the AA Conference race, and now enables defending champion Westfield the exclusive rights on the AA flag. Westfield will defend its Division I Super Bowl title against the Suburban League titlist, Greenfield following a Turkey Day clash against Cathedral.

Saturday's contest was two game's within itself. Agawam dominated the first half while Holyoke held the upper hand after the station break. The clash pit two even clubs against each other and the kickers were a key factor. Both booters hit for two extra points and a field goal apiece to produce the tie.

In the first half it looked as though the local were on fire and had forgotten the Westfield tragedy from the previous Saturday. The locals almost blew the game wide open as exceptional field position, effective running (despite the absence of Paul Dezielle) and a stubborn defense.

The running attack was lead by quarterback Scott Negrucci and juniors Mike Beaudette (filling in for Dezielle, the AA Conference rushing leader) and reliable fullback Al Fenney. "Mike played a super game," said head coach Jack Michalak. Beaudette had over 100 all-purpose yard, and a pair of his receptions were essential to Agawam's game-tying drive. Negrucci also received Michalak's stamp of approval for his outstanding play and leadership.

Agawam drew first-blood when Negrucci hooked up with senior wide receiver Timmy Ayre for a

19-yard touchdown pass and Pete Lindsay converted the extra point.

After a series of possession changes heading the second quarter, Agawam once again took full advantage of its field position when Feeney bulled his way four yards to paydirt. The locals lead 14-0 and as the half ended, Holyoke could have been much farther behind.

The second half was similar only that the Purple Knight's put themselves into the driver's seat and Agawam was under the wheel.

Senior quarterback John Hart of Holyoke ran and passed with little pressure from the Agawam defense which had harrassed him throughout the opening two quarters.

After the Brownies turned the ball over to Holyoke on their own 10, Kenny Gamble bolted to the goal line the first play from scrimmage. On Holyoke's next third quarter march, they settled for a 24-yard Jeff Lefebvre field goal. 14-10 Agawam.

About halfway into the final stanza, Hart and the Knights drove to the Agawam goal and Hart blasted for six on a two-yard burst and suddenly the local were on the verge of falling to the cruel hands of defeat.

Beaudette's two key pass catches in Agawam's desperation march allowed Lindsay, a God-send from New Zealand, to smash the pigskin through the uprights for the dramatic last minute tie.

Defensive testimonials from Michalak went to linebacker Scott Josephson, and colleague Dan Giordano, lineman Allan Brown and defensive back Timmy Ayre. Ayre, Giordano and Jim Egan each pilfered a Hart pass. Hart is consider the area's premier passer by many.

Local Man Runs WNEC X-Country

Mark Ruddock, son of Stephen and Alice Ruddock of 29 Parkview Drive, Feeding Hills, is a member of the Western New England College varsity cross country team.

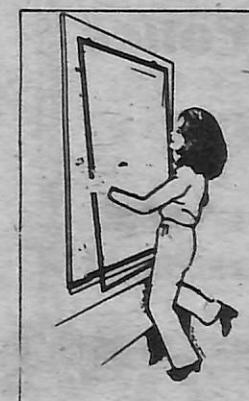
Ruddock runs for the Golden Bears, coached by Dr. Ed Sandifer. WNEC qualified for the NAIA regional cross country tournament last month.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Ruddock majors in electrical engineering at the college.

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Round The Ends With Brownie Football

By George Sandlin

What happened against Holyoke?

That issue was being pondered by Brownie head coach Jack Michalak following the thrilling 17-17 tie with Holyoke on Saturday, thus eliminating both clubs from the race for the AA Conference flag, which is again held by Westfield.

According to Michalak, who obviously was not pleased with the outcome, especially after his charges held a 14-0 lead at intermission, there were several factors that led to the final outcome.

He said, "The lack of pressure on Hart (John Hart, Holyoke's fine QB), the absence of a controlled offensive drive, and the breaks going the other way were the main reasons for the tie."

This marks the second week the locals came up empty when they were on the brink of a victory that would have brought home the town's first conference flag since 1966. Though the contest was played evenly, it was at a level below the what each are capable of playing.

The Purple Knights accumulated 277 total yards, which was about 80 better than Agawam's output. Monday morning quarterbacks were blaming the absence of Dezielle as a key ingredient to the outcome. But the manner in which Agawam moved the ball in the first half appeared as if the Brownies fears of being Dezielle-less were unfounded.

Believe it. Dezielle would have made a difference when the plug was pulled out of the Agawam offensive thrust during the second half when Holyoke fought back.

Hart passed for 126 yards through the air compared

to Negrucci's 86. Both rushing attacks were below the norm. Holyoke fumbled twice, but recovered both and the Brownies turned the ball over once. Hart had three passes picked off while Negrucci suffered one interception.

Agawam produced just 8 first downs, four fewer than the Knights. In the third and fourth down conversion department, it was almost even. Agawam received not one yellow flag from officials while Holyoke was penalized four times for 53 yards.

One area where the Brownies were quite successful was protecting Negrucci against a hard-pressing Holyoke line. Michalak was worried about this during pre-game preparations.

Actually, when looking back over the past two weeks the locals proved that they were as good as any club in the league but the scoreboard failed to register that fact when the final gun sounded.

The Brownies final tussle of the season is the famous Thanksgiving Day battle against arch-rival West Springfield at Harmon Smith Field. West Side has trounced the locals three years in a row and are looking for a big win to end a frustrating season that sported several close encounters of the losing kind.

The Terriers, as usual, have a large, physical, aggressive and well-coached side and are no slouches. Agawam holds a big series edge over West Side but troubled times have entered Brownieland as the rivals have pretty much had things their own way since 1976.



Lisa Fern Named To All-Star Squad

Western New England College's Lisa Fern, daughter of Thomas and Marguerie Fern of 15 Alfred Circle, Agawam, was named to last weekend's Northeastern Field Hockey Tournament at Smith College.

Ms. Fern was selected following her outstanding performance in the Northeast College Field Hockey Association Tournament held at Trinity College on October 31st. She plays goalie and includes three shutouts and three one-goal games in her accomplishments.

"Lisa made so many big plays for us this year," praises Coach Beverly Holtsberg. "As our last line of defense, she was one of the keys to our success."

The Golden Bears, in their first season of varsity field hockey, posted an 8-4-2 record and finished second in the MAIAW Division III state tournament.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Ms. Fern is a junior majoring in mechanical engineering at the college.

Tri-Parish Bowling League Update

Tricky Jeff Danner is doing a good job with a 126-122-123-371 performance setting a new High Triple String record for the season. The former high 3-string at 368 was held by Frank Rescigno.

Jeff bowls and is captain of the St. Louis Team. Other team members include Chuck Lehberger, Michele Pisano, and Tommy Geaghan.

Because of the 371 PF, St. Louis had to do battle with the Villanova team captained by Jeff's brother, Jay Danner. They took four points from Villanova, sneaking on top in first place with 20 wins and a PF of 10,873. Villanova had held first place last week, and dropped to sixth in the line-up at the present report - 16½ points or wins; PF 10,724.

Jeff sports a high average of 108.16 with Bobby Moccio at a close second with an average of 108.2.

Jim Snyder came up with a 145 string just one pin shy of the high single of 146 being held by Frank Rescigno. Tough, Jim... maybe next week.

Debbie Poirier is doing well holding the high single in the Women's Division at 128 and the high triple at 340. She is also sporting the high average at 102.11 as a member of the St. Michael's team captained by Mike O'Connell.

A close second to Debbie is Ann O'Connell with a 100.5 average. Ann is captain of the Fordham team.

HALL-OF-FAMERS: Frank Rescigno, Ernie Blair, Jay Danner, Jeff Danner, Bobby Moccio, Ray Barbieri, Eddie Connor, Eric Geiger, Jim Snyder, Joe Rescigno, Al Moccio, Steve Stepanian, Jim Anderson, Mike O'Connell. **WOMEN DIVISION** - Paul Christopher, June Borgatti, Ann O'Connell, Pauline Depalo, Debbie Poirier and Janice Moccio.

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JUDY TETREAULT, left, commissioner of baseball for the Agawam Athletic Association, presents the sponsoring winner's trophy to Jack Devine, accepting on behalf of Richard Sardella, publisher of the Agawam Advertiser/News and Southwick Suffield Advertiser/News, which sponsored the 1981 boys 8-10 champions. AAA President Gerald J. Mason looks on. Advertiser/News photo by Phyllis Mason.

On Sunday evening at the Polish American Club, the Agawam Athletic Association held its annual baseball-softball awards ceremony which also included awards presented to those young athletes who had participated in track and summer swimming.

All members of championship teams received their AAA jackets or trophies, and track participants received individual medals of gold, silver, or bronze. The three athletes who had accumulated the highest total number of points in each age division competed in a final pentathlon with the winners being awarded trophies.



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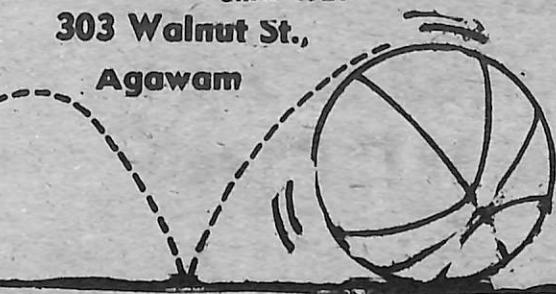
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Soccer Association Girls Champs



THE BLUE DEVILS, CHAMPIONS OF THE 9-10 DIVISION. Team members are, back row, from left: Patty Hannan, Jennier Scaggs, Tara Christian, Angela Poulos, Krissy Phillips, Nicole Daigneau. Front row: Sue Christian, Missy Brown, Cindy Jochim, Kim Zilenski, Missy DeRosiers, Heather Gearing and Sharon Gamelli. Missing from photo: Beth Whittaker and Kristen Gagne. Team coaches are Dick Whittaker and Buddy Scaggs. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



THE RAIDERS, CHAMPIONS OF THE 11-14 LEAGUE. Team members are, back row, from left: Coach Carol Slate, Tracy Becker, Tina Walsh, Cindy Slate, Nancy Nickerson, Andrea Strycharz, Sandy Trembley and Cindy Roy. Front row: Carrie Quilnetz, Tracy Markiewicz, Vicki McCarthy, Donna Stone, Becky Davies, Denise Coelln and Carrie ViVenzio. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



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Willard's Gold	5	3	2	12
Piccoli's Tornadoes	4	5	1	9
DaPonde's Beige Bombers	4	6	0	8
Mickey's Roadrunners	4	6	0	8
Manning's Red Devils	2	8	0	4
Voight's Thunderbirds	0	7	3	3
11-14 DIVISION				
	W	L	IT	PTS
Slate's Raiders	10	1	0	20
Adamski's Unknowns	9	2	0	18
Tallon's Lucky Ladies	4	5	1	9
Jochim's White Lightning	3	5	2	8
Piccoli's Tornadoes	1	7	2	4
Porth's Blue Bombers	1	8	1	3

Blue Devils, Raiders Take Girls Playoffs

Girls soccer was at its best last Saturday in two exciting playoff matches in the Agawam Soccer Association.

In a 9-10 championship playoff at St. John's Field, the Blue Devils, coached by Buddy Scaggs in the absence of head coach Dick Whittaker, narrowly edged the Green Machine 1-0.

The winning margin was provided on a goal scored by Cathy Scaggs on an indirect kick from Missy DesRosiers. The only score of the game came with less than two minutes to go in regulation play.

The Green Machine, coached by Fred Barber and Armand Rea, had forced the Blue Devils to a playoff by beating them in the last game of the season.

At Shea's Field, Cindy Slate scored two overtime goals to lead the Raiders, coached by her mom Carol Slate, past the Unknowns in an 11-14 division championship match.

After playing 48 minutes of scoreless soccer against Ed Adamski's squad, the Raiders got on the board as Slate scored on an assist from Sandy Trembley with just two seconds remaining in the first overtime.

The Unknowns then applied tremendous pressure in the second overtime before Slate scored on a breakaway to ice the game.

Both teams were tied at the end of regular season play with 9-1-0 records. Both should be commended for an excellent performance.



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AHS Soccer Clubs: Successful

By Charles J. Duclos

Both the girls and boys varsity high school soccer squads completed their fall seasons with the mark of success on their respective programs. Each earned a position in the quarter-finals of the Western Mass. tournament, something unfamiliar to soccer programs here for the most part.

Each team, however, was dealt tournament elimination by tough West Springfield sides. The boys were crushed in a 9-1 rout while the girls were dumped 3-0.

Only Jean Nicole on a pass from Davey Jenks was fortunate enough to gain Agawam's sole tally, which came in the first quarter of action. From then on the well-disciplined, precision-perfect Terrier squad whitewashed the Brownie hopes for a stunning upset.

Regardless of the outcome of these games, Agawam did well to send its two varsity teams to the playoffs. Coaches Barbara Stevens and Bob Sartwell and their squads provided parents and fans with many exciting moments throughout the season. They deserve a "well done." We look forward to a repeat performance next season and trophies for the school's showcase.

On a much brighter note, last Sunday the Alumni/varsity games took place at Harmon Smith Field. The girls varsity dropped the alumni in a close 1-0 encounter on Maria Kozloski's point-getter on an assist from Jennifer O'Brien. Returning to their alma mater to participate for the "older" set were Laurie

Placanico, Lori Woodruff, Kathy Chase, Lee Harvey, Joanne Anderson, Micki Conroy, Diana Hardina, Sue Conroy, Kathy Lagrange, Shari Baldarelli, and Laurie Russo.

Walt Willard, Agawam's first varsity soccer coach, and his then-captain of the 1968 squad, Vic Beauvais, led the old-timers to a 5-3 victory over their younger counterparts from the high school.

Willard and Beauvais showed that they hadn't lost the touch as each dropped in a tally. Other scorers for the Alumni included Tom Sipitowski, Wayne Graves, and Blaine Beauman. The varsity's three markers came on strikes from Billy O'Brien, big David Jenks, and Kevin Kamyk. Dave Stratton, Mike Bodurtha and Bart McCarthy provided ref services, as well as some playing action.

Other former AHS players who came to participate in this spherical spectacular were: George Russell, Kevin Anderson, Rolland Brouillard, Jose Vasquez, Jim Shoemaker, Pete Sardella, Norm Doquette, Rich Hauff, Darly Mallory, Chris Fuchs, Brad Bassett, Mike Walsh, Dave Bodurtha, Keith Smith, Todd Griffen, Steve Tetreault, Tim Scanlon, Tony Santaniello, John Karakla, Shaun Grenier, Paul Dahlke, Jim Bodurtha and Dave Chase. In the cage were Mike Anderson and Wayne Mallory.

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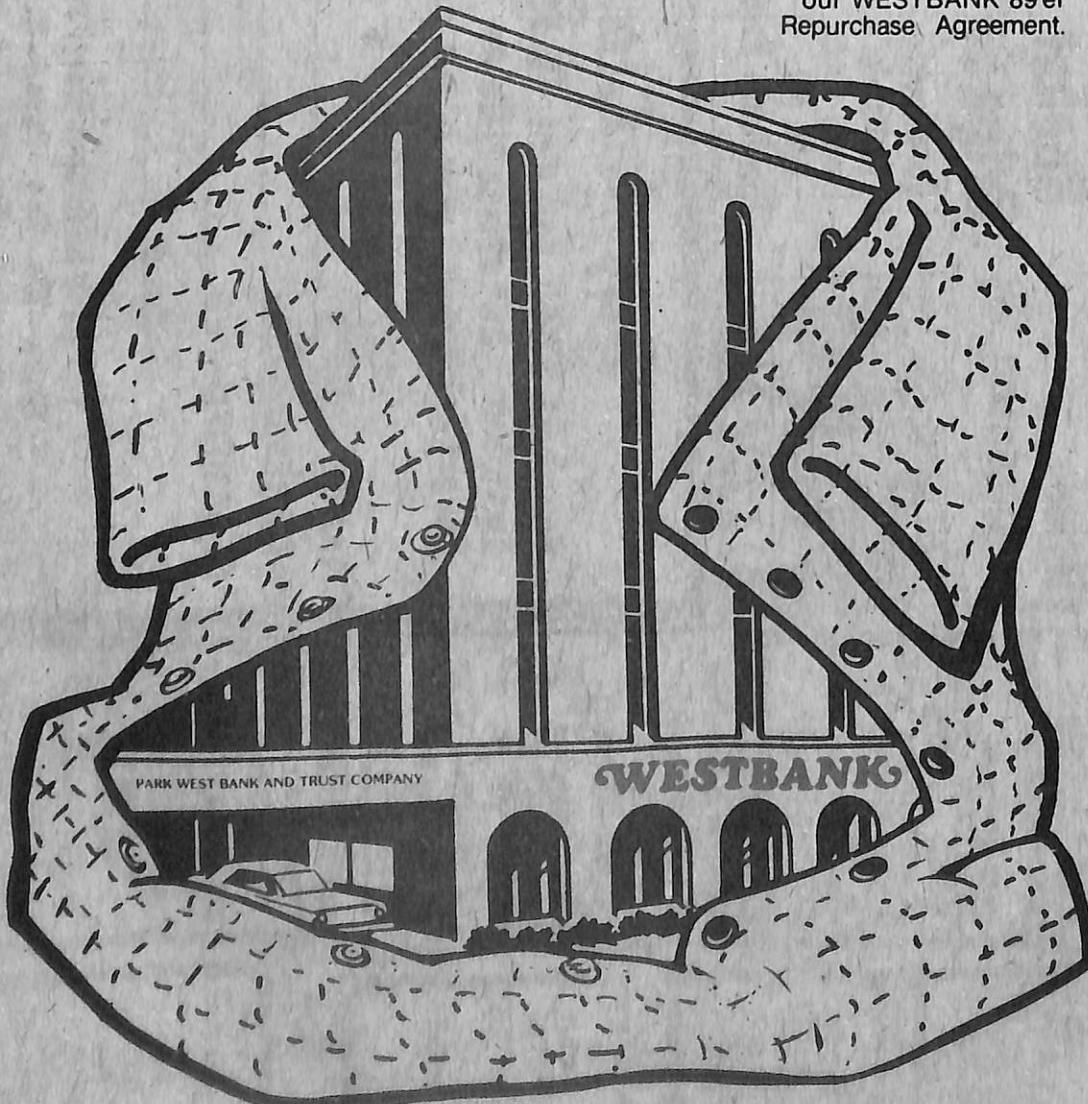
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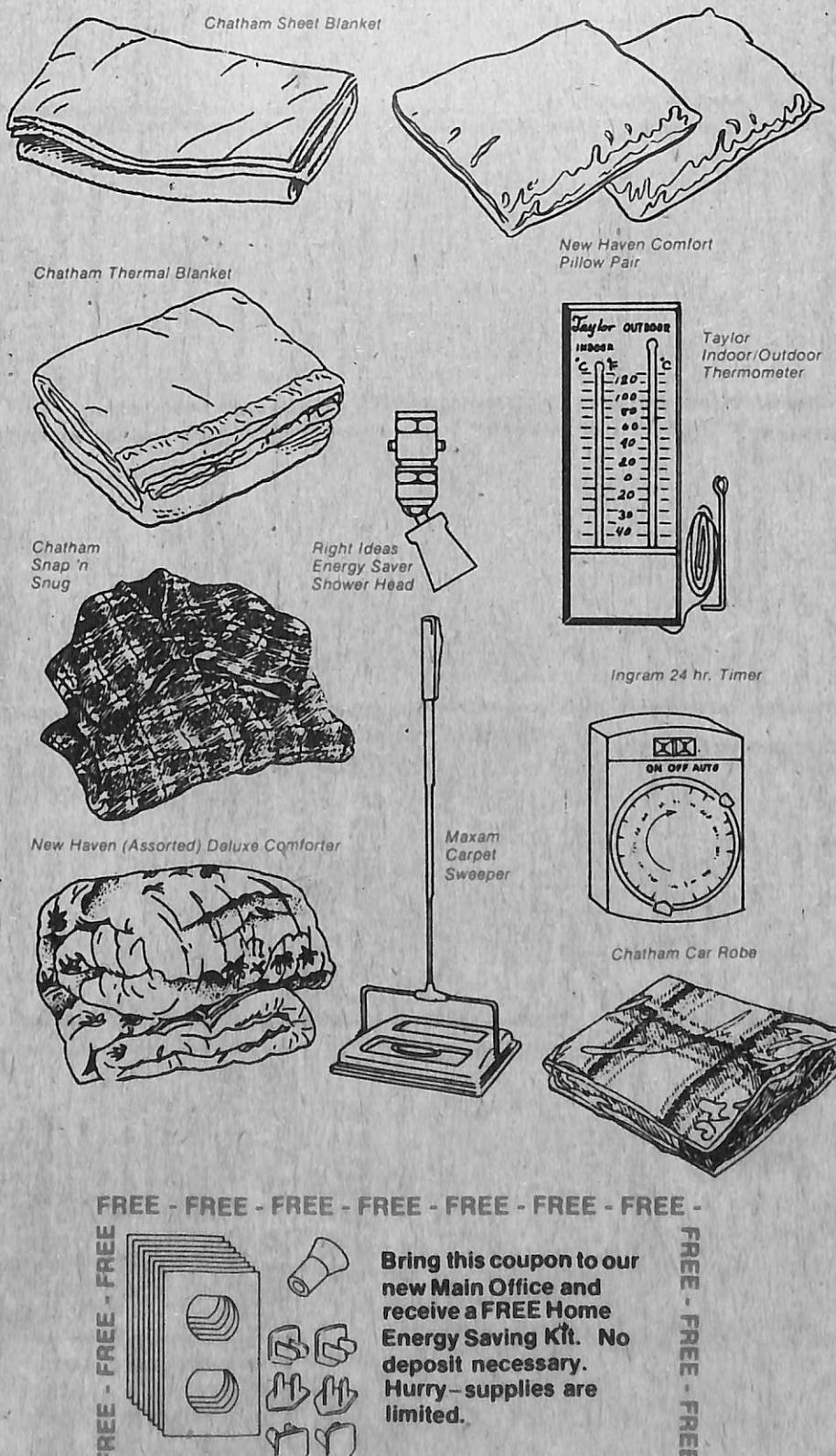
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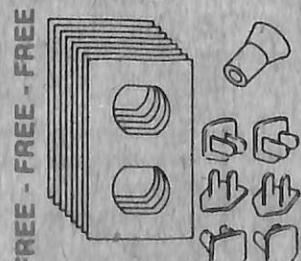
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Chatham Thermal Blanket	6.95	4.95	2.95	FREE	7.95
Chatham Car Robe	6.95	4.95	2.95	FREE	7.95
Right Ideas Energy Saver Shower Head	6.95	4.95	2.95	FREE	7.95
Chatham Snap 'n Snug	11.95	9.95	7.95	5.95	13.95
Maxam Carpet Sweeper	12.95	10.95	8.95	6.95	14.95
New Haven (Assorted) Deluxe Comforter	13.95	11.95	9.95	7.95	15.95

One gift or purchase per family (except for additional deposit column). Money must remain on deposit for three months. Prices shown do not include 5% MA sales tax. All deposits are insured in full. (Repurchase Agreements are not deposits and therefore not insured by F.D.I.C. However, they are fully secured by securities of the U.S. Government and its agencies.) Personal accounts only. NOW accounts do not qualify. Gifts are subject to availability. This offer may be withdrawn at any time. Offer is good only on deposits made on or after September 28, 1981.

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